

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0041 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0041] Thus there have been described ~~dipole~~ radial power divider/combiners that are particularly suitable for use in solid-state power-amplifier modules. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that numerous changes and modifications may be made to the preferred embodiments of the invention and that such changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention. For example, for better impedance matching and less loss, the waveguides may be tapered such that at least one of the width, b, and depth a, is not constant along the length, l, of the waveguide. It is therefore intended that the appended claims cover all such equivalent variations as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.